

**INTERFERON-LIKE PROTEIN ZCYTO21****ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

The present invention relates to polynucleotide and polypeptide molecules for Zcyto21, an interferon-like protein, which is most closely related to interferon- $\alpha$  at the amino acid sequence level. The present invention also includes antibodies to the Zcyto21 polypeptides, and methods of using the polynucleotides and polypeptides.